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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Thu, 06 Oct 1994 17:39:39 EDT
From: w1aw@arrl.org
Subject: ARLD061 DX news

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ARLD061 DX news

ZCZC AE59
QST de W1AW
DX Bulletin 61 ARLD061

From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT October 6, 1994
To all radio amateurs

SB DX ARL ARLD061
ARLD061 DX news

Thanks to Tedd, KB8NW, the Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin, Frank, AH0W/OH2LVG, the Yankee Clipper Contest Club PacketCluster network, Chod, VP2ML, The DX Bulletin, Bob, W5KNE, QRZ DX, GOMMI, Adam, N7VEW, and the Contest Corral column from QST magazine.

RWANDA. It has been reported that Hartmut, 9X5HG, has returned to Rwanda and is active once again. Several southeastern USA stations worked him on October 1 around 0330z on 7028 kHz.

ETHIOPIA. ET3BT has been on the 14226 DX Net almost daily. Try between 1800 and 2230z.

BURUNDI. 4U/F50WB/9U has been spotted on 14240 kHz around 2100Z. QSL via UNSCF Radio Tech, PO Box 200, Bujumbura, Burundi.

PACIFIC DXPEDITION DELAYED AGAIN. Masa, JE1DXC, aka A35XC, continues to have problems with flight reservations. This has caused delays in his 3D2, T30 and T2 DXpedition.

MOUNT ATHOS. Tokyo PacketCluster spots show Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A has been active on RTTY. Listen for him around 14083 kHz between 0700 and 0730z.

MADEIRA. DL8KWS/CT3 and DL3KUD/CT3 will be active on all bands October 6 through 27.

MICRONESIA. JA0VSH and YL JG0PBJ should be active now as V63KZ and V63MP, respectively, on 160 through 10 meters, including the WARC bands, through October 10. Their local evening operating will be CW only. As of press time, there were no spots for this one on the local DX PacketCluster. QSL to their home calls, direct or via the JARL Bureau.

ANGUILLA AND SINT MAARTEN. Warren, WB1HBB, will be vacationing with some operating from Anguilla as VP2E/WB1HBB October 18, 19 and 20. Sint Maarten is slated for October 21 through 28 using the call PJ7/WB1HBB. Try 14.263 kHz at 1230z and 2100z. QSL via WB1HBB.

REVILLA GIGEDO. This is to correct some information released on the planned DXpedition to XF4M by Frank, AH0W/OH2LVG and company. Their 30 meter operation will not, repeat not be the first such operations

from Revilla Gigedo.

QSL TIPS. GOMMI reports that he is the manager for LX1DM. QSL contacts from 1990 to 1993 to his Callbook address. Also, he is no longer the manager for YI1RJ, Raid, who is now in Jordan. Adam, N7VEW, is now the QSL manager for Randy, TJ1JR. Please QSL to Adam's current Callbook address with SASE.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. Tuning in over the weekend will reveal the Hambrew Fall Festival, Ibero-American Contest, Illinois and Pennsylvania state QSO parties, and VK/ZL/Oceania CW DX Contests. Check out pages 125 and 126 in September QST for details on these on the air events.

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Date: Fri, 7 Oct 1994 04:13:58 GMT
From: jjmartin@world.std.com (James J Martin)
Subject: Courtesy In Amateur Radio

Henry B. Smith (hbs@crl.com) wrote:

: Folks, if you are tired of the same old drill on HF SSB and you are
: willing to try a challenge, come down to the CW part of the band and listen.

: It's not all at 20+ WPM, there's probably plenty of QSO's at exactly
: your speed somewhere down there.

: The folks are friendly and they don't blow you off just because they
: don't know you.

: Been there, done it, like it,

Aw right Smitty! Hey I even ended up with a T-shirt! We ought to start spelling out our callsigns on our vehicles' rear windows...in Morse that is.

.-- -. .---- ...-

73 de Jim / WK1V
:-D

Date: Fri, 07 Oct 94 03:21:29 GMT
From: smp@agape.sol.net (Steven M. Palm)
Subject: CW Learning: Going slow. :(

I've gotten to the point where I can send code pretty good. I know all the letters and numbers, working still on the symbols/punctuation.

Is this a common "hurdle" to overcome, or am I just odd. :) (Thankfully no one here knows me well enough to add much to that one... :) I am using the SuperMorse program (EXCELLENT!) to learn, and am wondering if the code tapes may have been a better route, and this is a side-effect of my choice in learning.

Hi! Can soemone please e-mail me exam dates for the near future in the new jersey / upstate new york area.

[illegible][illegible]

Date: Thu, 6 Oct 1994 12:38:45 GMT
From: phb@syseng1.melpar.esys.com (Paul H. Bock)
Subject: FOR SALE: 2-meter Multimode (REPOST)

FOR SALE: Yaesu FT-290R Mk II 2-meter SSB/CW/FM multimode, 25 w. output, 10 memories, 2 VFOs, scan. Absolutely mint, new condition, one month old. \$500.00 OBO and I'll pay shipping. Very nice compact radio, but I prefer a HF rig & transverter setup.

(|_|) Paul H. Bock, Jr. K4MSG Internet: pbock@melpar.esys.com
| |) Telephone: (703) 560-5000 x2062 (work)
 (703) 882-4745 (home)

Date: Thu, 6 Oct 1994 18:24:39 +0000
From: dave@llondel.demon.co.uk (David Hough)
Subject: GB2RS News 9th October 1994

Good morning. It's Sunday the 9th of October and here is the GB2RS news broadcast, prepared by the RSGB and intended for all radio amateurs and short-wave listeners.

Next weekend sees the 37th Jamboree on the Air and this year, over 250 Special Event callsigns have been issued. The event lasts from 0001 UTC on Saturday the 15th to 2359 UTC on Sunday the 16th and Scouts and Guides all over the world will be using amateur radio to celebrate their shared interest. All UK groups which have told RSGB HQ that they are participating, have been sent an information pack which includes a list of stations taking part. Anyone else who would like a copy of this list is asked to send an A5-size Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to the Amateur Radio Department at RSGB, Lambda House, Cranborne Road, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3JE.

A meeting between the RSGB and the Director of the Science Museum was scheduled for last Thursday to discuss the future of the GB2SM amateur radio exhibit. More information on this next week.

The next RSGB Microwave Round Table meeting is next Sunday the 16th at the Flight Refuelling Amateur Radio Society Clubhouse, Merley, near Wimborne, Dorset, commencing at 10am. The attractions include technical talks, calibration and alignment facilities, plus of course the usual round table discussions. There will be a bring and buy stand, hot drinks and snacks. All are welcome. For further details telephone Mike, G3LYP, on 0494 881298.

It is with regret that the Radio Society of Great Britain announces the resignation from Council on 10 September 1994 of Immediate Past President Peter Chadwick, G3RZP. Peter's resignation follows a decision by a majority of Council to propose certain minor changes in the Articles of Association to the membership of the Society at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in December 1994. The full

proposals and explanatory commentary will appear in the Society's Annual Report and Accounts to be circulated to members during November. If accepted, the changes allow Council a degree of flexibility in the future conduct of its business and correct certain anomalies that exist in the current wording of some Articles. Peter felt that he could not support the changes at this time and, because Council is collectively responsible for sponsoring these amendments to the Society's constitution, decided he should resign his seat on Council.

Council will miss Peter's considerable technical expertise and good-humoured contributions to its work and wishes him well in the future.

The Port Talbot Amateur Radio Society celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 1996 and is calling all ex-members of the Neath-Briton Ferry (now called the Port Talbot) Amateur Radio Society formed in 1946. If you have any information or would like to attend the celebration, please contact the Secretary, GWONKF on 01639 892311.

A new RSGB Liaison Officer (RLO) has been appointed for the Tyne and Wear Area. He is Keith Ritson, G0PKR, and his address is 14 Dunsdale Road, Holywell, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear NE25 0NG. Keith's telephone number is 0191 237 1963.

GB3TG, the Milton Keynes 10GHz ATV Repeater, went off-air, on or about the 22nd of September due to a nearby lightening strike. It has now been dismantled for repair and refurbishment which is estimated will take a minimum of four weeks. For further information contact the repeater keeper Dave, G4NJU, whose address is correct in the RSGB Call Book.

Now some items of HF DX news from the weekly RSGB DX News Sheet which is edited by Brendan McCartney, G4DY0.

From the Azores, LA0CX will sign CU2/LA0CX from next Wednesday until Sunday the 16th, with special emphasis on 10.103MHz and 18.073MHz.

From St Helena, ZD7 operators will be especially active on Friday the 14th of October from 1800 to 1900 UTC as part of "Radio St Helena Day". On CW, check around 7.08MHz {Newsreaders - this frequency is correct, though rather high for CW} and on SSB check around 14.22MHz and 21.275MHz.

And from Macau, G3SXW and G3TXF will sign XX9TSX and XX9TXF respective from Taipa Island from Wednesday the 19th until Thursday the 27th of October. Activity will be on all bands, CW only.

Now the event(s) for today, Sunday the 9th of October:

Today Sunday is the last day of the RSGB International HF and IOTA Convention being held at the Beaumont Conference Centre, near Windsor in Berkshire. This is an event which has something for the beginner as well as the expert. And although many of the Convention visitors stayed overnight, the event is open to day visitors. There is a full programme of lectures, slide shows and discussion sessions on today and many special interest groups will be represented. Morse tests are available on demand, subject to producing two passport-type photographs and test fee. Details of the HF Convention can be found on page 19 of October's edition of RadCom.

The All Ireland International Radio and Hobbies Exhibition is being held at St Patrick Hall, Cathedral Road, Armagh. Doors open 12 noon. The event features many trade stands, including radio, computer and much more. Full catering and bar facilities are available.

The Kidderminster and District Amateur Radio Society Rally is being held at Stourport-on-Severn High School, Minster Road, Stourport-on-Severn. Doors open at 10am. The event features trade stands, a bring and buy stall and refreshments. Talk-in is on 2 metres and 70 centimetres.

The South Devon Radio Club Computercations'94 Amateur Radio and Computer Rally is being held at the Hillhead Campsite, Hill Head, Kingswear Road, Brixham. Doors open at 10am. The event features trade stands covering radio and computers, a bring and buy stall, a raffle and refreshments. Talk-in is on 2 metres, channel S22.

We know of no Rally for next Sunday the 16th which is Jamboree On The Air weekend but the following Friday and Saturday, the 21st and 22nd of October, the Leicester Amateur Radio Show which is held at The Granby Halls, Aylestone Road, Leicester. This is just off the M1 motorway, junction 21. Parking arrangements are the same as in previous years. The old cattle market is still being used but it has a height restriction. Doors open daily at 10am, or 9.30am for disabled visitors. The event features an extensive trade exhibition, an RSGB Book and Information Stand and a bring and buy stall. Morse Tests will be available on demand during the two days, but prospective candidates are reminded that they need to provide two passport-type photographs, together with the test fee. The RAOTA AGM will be held in the conference room on Saturday. Full catering and bar facilities will be available. Talk-in will be on channel S22 and SU22 by GB2GH. The October edition of RadCom has full details of the show including a stand layout. Further information can be obtained from Frank Elliott, G4PDZ, on 0116 287 1086.

Now for the HF contest news:

The RSGB 21/28MHz CW Contest takes place next Sunday the 16th of October from 0700 to 1900 UTC. See the June edition of Radio Communication, page

82 for further details.

Next some VHF contest news:

An RSGB 24GHz Summer Cumulative Contest takes place today, Sunday the 9th, from 0900 to 2100 UTC. See April's RadCom for details.

The first of five RSGB 432MHz Cumulative Contest takes place next Wednesday, the 12th of October, from 2030 to 2300 local time. See the July edition of RadCom, page 82 for further details.

The penultimate event in the RSGB 144MHz CW Cumulative Contest takes place next Friday the 14th of October from 2030 - 2300 Local Time.

And now the solar factual data:

The period from the 26th of September to the 2nd of October has seen solar activity at very low levels, with geomagnetic activity declining to quiet conditions. No flares were reported. Sunspot indices generally declined throughout the period and meaned at 28. Solar flux levels have varied little day to day and averaged only 74 flux units. The geomagnetic field generally declined from unsettled levels of up to 20 units on the 26th of September, down to very quiet levels of only 3 units by the 1st of October. The period averaged an Ap of 10.7 units. The state has been 'nil, nothing to report'. The 90 day flux level was 78 units on the 30th of September.

The aa indices, as reported by the British Geological Survey for the period from the 20th to the 26th of September, were mainly quiet. The 23rd was down to only 7.3 nanoTeslas with the most disturbed day being the 25th, up to 29.0 nanoTeslas with periods up to 80 nanoTeslas. The period averaged 15.5 nanoTeslas, about K2. The X-Ray flux levels have remained very low only, averaging A2.3 units. The electron fluence varied little and stayed at moderate levels.

The September sunspots averaged RI 26.7, with a high of 65 on the 5th, and lows of only 8 on the 15th and 16th. The six month smoothed number for March was 34.4 plus or minus 0.5.

The solar flux average for September was 81.1 units, with the high at 95 units on the 5th, and the lows at 70 units on the 17th, 19th, 20th and 21st. The geomagnetic field averaged an Ap of 10.1 units with the most disturbed day being the 9th up to 30 units, and the quietest being the

22nd and 23rd with levels down to only 3 units.

I'll repeat the figures. Spots - 28; Flux - 74; Ap index - 10.7; X-ray flux - A2.3. Averages for September: Spots RI 26.7; Flux 81.1; Ap index 10.1.

Now the ionospheric data for Central France:

The F2 daytime critical frequencies at Poitiers averaged 6.9MHz, with the best day being the 1st of October, up to 7.5MHz. The darkness hour lows averaged 2.9MHz with spread F being reported on some days, lasting up to 6 hours on the 28th. Very small amounts of blanketing E was also reported. With the seasonal changes the highs are now becoming earlier about 18.00 hours, with the early morning lows at 05.00 hours.

I'll repeat the figures. Highs - 6.9MHz; lows - 2.9MHz.

And lastly the solar forecast:

This week the more active side of the sun will be rotating away; solar flux figures are expected to be into the high 70s but falling throughout the period. The geomagnetic field is expected to be mainly quiet. MUFs in the south are expected to be about 21MHz during daylight, with darkness hour lows being about 10MHz. North/south paths are expected to be best, but east/west paths are expected to be open during darkness hours on the lower HF bands.

And that's the end of the solar information.

Finally in the main news, SSL has informed the Society that as of last Wednesday morning, the latest callsigns allocated were in the G0 Victor Hotel and G7 Tango Tango series, and Novice calls in the 2 0 Alpha India and 2 1 Delta Kilo series.

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Date: Wed, 5 Oct 1994 23:29:54 GMT
From: rwc@flare.syd.ips.oz.au (Regional Warning Centre)
Subject: IPS Daily Report - 05 October 94

SUBJ: IPS DAILY SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL REPORT

ISSUED AT 05/2330Z OCTOBER 1994 BY IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES
FROM THE REGIONAL WARNING CENTRE (RWC), SYDNEY.
SUMMARY FOR 05 OCTOBER AND FORECAST FOR 06 OCTOBER - 08 OCTOBER

1A. SOLAR SUMMARY

Activity: low

Flares: none.

Observed 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 79/19

GOES satellite data for 04 Oct

Daily Proton Fluence >1 MeV: 1.3E+07

Daily Proton Fluence >10 MeV: 1.3E+04

Daily Electron Fluence >2 MeV: 9.8E+08 (high)

X-ray background: A1.0

Fluence (flux accumulation over 24hrs)/ cm²-ster-day.

1B. SOLAR FORECAST

	06 Oct	07 Oct	08 Oct
Activity	Low	Low	Low
Fadeouts	None expected	None expected	None expected

Forecast 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number for 06 Oct: 81/22

2A. MAGNETIC SUMMARY

Geomagnetic field at Learmonth: active to minor storm

Estimated Indices :	A	K	Observed A Index 04 Oct
Learmonth	26	4335 5433	
Fredericksburg	25		23
Planetary	31		26

Observed Kp for 04 Oct: 5444 4334

2B. MAGNETIC FORECAST

DATE	Ap	CONDITIONS
06 Oct	18	Unsettled to active
07 Oct	16	Unsettled
08 Oct	10	Unsettled

COMMENT: IPS Geomagnetic Warning 5 was issued on 1 October and is current for interval 4-6 October. Magnetic activity is expected to decline today.

3A. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION SUMMARY

	LATITUDE BAND		
DATE	LOW	MIDDLE	HIGH
05 Oct	fair-normal	fair	poor

PCA Event : None.

3B. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION FORECAST

LATITUDE BAND

DATE	LOW	MIDDLE	HIGH
06 Oct	normal	fair	poor
07 Oct	normal	fair	poor
08 Oct	normal	normal	fair

4A. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC SUMMARY

Observed

DATE	T-index	MUFs at Sydney
05 Oct	-18	about 25% below predicted monthly values

Predicted Monthly T-index for October: 20

4B. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC FORECAST

DATE	T-index	MUFs
06 Oct	0	Depressed 20% early in UT day then slowly recovering
07 Oct	15	Near predicted monthly values
08 Oct	20	Near predicted monthly values

COMMENT: IPS HF Communications Warning 3 was issued on 2 October and is current for interval 4-6 October. Ionospheric depression in progress. Continued depression expected for first half of today, for southern half of Australia. Depressions of 20% were observed at Townsville yesterday for interval 01-07UT. Townsville MUF values are near predicted monthly values this morning.

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Date: 5 Oct 1994 23:02:58 GMT
From: pryack@mtholyoke.edu (Paul Ryack)
Subject: Iso-loop vs R5/7

What kind of luck have netters had with the AEA Iso-loop and the MFJ clone? Do they live up to their advertising claims? What about the Cushcraft R5 or R7, and the MFJ clone? Comments would be appreciated. TNX & 73 de Paul, W1ETH @ K6TZ.#SOCA.CA.USA.NA

Date: Fri, 07 Oct 94 03:16:48 GMT
From: smp@agape.sol.net (Steven M. Palm)
Subject: Kerchunking: legal? (Was: Re: Radio Shack Violation)

In article <Cx5sr6.AxJ@wang.com> dbushong@wang.com writes:

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>linley@netcom.com (Bruce James Robert Linley) writes:
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>>In ye olden post lestrade@Ra.MsState.Edu (John Patrick Lestrade) spake...
>>>Is it any more of a 'violation' for someone to pick up an ht on the rs
>>>counter and 'kerchunk' a repeater as it is for someone who does NOT have
>>>a driver's license to start the engine of a car in a showroom?
>
>>It will be a violation if he drives it onto the road. However, if a
>>non-ham keys a radio into a dummy load, I do not believe that would
>>be a violation.

No, since into a dummy load you are really not radiating the signal.
(At least not far enough to be detected, we would hope. :)

>We know that you need to identify if you transmit, but check out this
>wording in Part 97:

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> \ (sc 97.305 Authorized emission types.
>
> (b) A station may transmit a test emission on any frequency
>authorized to the control operator for brief periods for
>experimental purposes, ...

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>This sounds a lot like kerchunking defined.

Perhaps, but who is the control operator? The person walking into
a RS Store perhaps is not licensed, and therefore cannot be the
control operator, and therefore has no frequency authorizations with
which they can conduct the test.

Point on the above regulations is therefore moot for a non-licensed
person.

Date: Thu, 6 Oct 94 21:49:46 -0500
From: "John B. Monson" <jbmonson@delphi.com>
Subject: Operation in Bahama's w/US license?

Doug:

You will need to contact the local Bahamian telephone company (Batelco)

to obtain a reciprocal license to operate anywhere within the Bahamas.

It has been many years since I had one so the cost will surely have increased from \$10 charged me back in 1989.

FYI, Ask for the person in charge of licensing amateur radio stations.

John Monson

Date: Thu, 6 Oct 94 02:34:07 GMT
From: david_b3@sfov1.verifone.com
Subject: REQUEST INFO -- Morse tutorial software for Macintosh

Can someone please email me info on shareware or commercial morse tutorials for the Macintosh?

Thanks!

David B. Barnes KD6DMS
david_b3@verifone.com

Date: Wed, 5 Oct 1994 18:43:52 GMT
From: djw@cci.com (David Wright)
Subject: Uniden 2510 mods

Greetings all,

Recently I decided to blow the dust off the Uniden 2510 10m rig. I remembered reading about a modification to boost the output power close to 100 watts. I found a copy of the article in the local library, and I'm ready to pursue getting the necessary components. Before I started however, I thought I would ask the collective wisdom of the net, if anybody has already tried this mod and has experience with it. The mod consists of adding a new final and driver transistor, along with adjusting bias, and tweaking AM/FM and CW carrier levels.

So, anybody have thoughts they want to share about this mod? Anybody got a service manual they want to copy/sell/loan?

Thanks in advance.

73 es cul Dave Wright, N2TYR@cci.com

Date: 6 Oct 1994 17:22:28 -0400
From: mhess@yrkpa.kias.com (M. K. Hess)
Subject: Where Do I Send My Renewal Form????

Help! I've just remembered that my ticket expired in the end of Aug.
I've filled out my renewal form, with a photocopy of my old ticket.

Now, where does it get sent???? The form has no mailing address. I
live in York, PA. Does it go to Gettysburg? If so, whats the address?

If anyone can help please drop me some E-mail at
mhess@yrkpa.kias.com

Thanks in advance

N3EAQ

Date: 6 Oct 1994 23:20:13 GMT
From: djw@unlinfo.unl.edu (daniel wright)

References<36nhj1\$1q3@jupiter.planet.net>
<Pine.SUN.3.90.941003013741.25624G-1000000@access1.digex.net>,
<36p2u5\$1jn0@yuma.ACNS.ColoState.EDU>
Subject: Re: 6 meter AM Activity

galen@picea.CFNR.ColoState.EDU (Galen Watts) writes:

>In article <Pine.SUN.3.90.941003013741.25624G-1000000@access1.digex.net> Tony
>Stalls <rstalls@access1.digex.net> writes:

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>>Don't hold me to this, but I hear that 50.4 is the accepted AM calling
>>frequency. (I already have an 8400 xtal for the Scout.) Stay in touch
>>and maybe we can hook up on 6 meters this Fall.
>>Tony

>Just be sure you post something a few days ahead. I'm interested in ANY
>activity above 50 MHz (except those pesky 2m repeaters).

>Galen, KF0YJ, DN-70

Yup!! Me Too!!!! I'm sittin' out here in Nebraska with the HA-460(low
output too!) on....listenin' to 50.400 as I type!!!
73 de Dan.....WA0JRD EN10.....djw@unlinfo.unl.edu

Date: Wed, 5 Oct 1994 23:06:13 GMT
From: drt@world.std.com (David R Tucker)

References<36ktsh\$t3n@newsbf01.news.aol.com> <36tg7r\$fk2@freenet3.scri.fsu.edu>,
<36udgj\$jjqr@hp-col.col.hp.com>
Subject: Re: Courtesy In Amateur Radio

Greg Tarcza (gregt@col.hp.com) wrote:

: As a general rule, I won't answer people who say they are monitoring
: unless I have a need to talk to them. I WILL answer a CQ on the repeater
: since it means somebody wants to talk to me (or anyone else).

: The downside of calling CQ (and the call should be short, like "CQ
: from WA200D") is that the first time I heard it, it was followed by
: chatter from others infering that the CQ'er was a lid until someone else
: commented that calling CQ actually made sense and for others to back off.

: I only say that I am monitoring if I am expecting a call or waiting
: for a particular person to show up on the frequency

: Any other opinions on this?

It's a system that makes sense. Too much sense, I suppose. Ideally,
things would go like this:

"Callsign" - I'm kerchunking legally

"Callsign testing" - Extended kerchunk. If a signal report is welcome,
ask for it ("... Could I get a signal
report, please?")

"Callsign listening" - I'm available if you need to get in touch with
me, but don't feel like a casual chat

"CQ from Callsign" - I'm up for a conversation with anyone who answers

But around here that last gets you more arguments than conversations.

(BTW, why is it that Q signals are "bad" on phone, but CQ is okay?
Consistency would suggest "Calling any station, from Callsign,
C-A-L-L-S-I-G-N, go ahead" or something.

Some of these procedures seem much too poorly thought out to pounce on
a violation.)

-drt

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